

'Wars of National Liberation' Are Threat to Peace, U.S. Says

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The State Department said yesterday that U.S.-Soviet cooperation has been "rendered difficult" by Communist support of "wars of national liberation."

"While World War II demonstrated the possibilities of cooperation between the Soviet-Union and Western democracies," the Department said, "such cooperation has been rendered difficult by the Communist policy of support for interference and subversion under the guise of so-

called wars of national liberation. It is this policy which threatens the peace of the world today."

The statement added: "We continue, however, to make clear our desire to cooperate with the Soviet Union and other states in efforts to assure peace and welcome any constructive proposals for solution to problems which beset the world."

The U.S. statement was issued at a news conference in reply to a May 9 Soviet message to all countries commemo-

rating the 20th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany.

The Soviet message attacked the United States for "intervention in South Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. It endorsed what it called the "national liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America."

The State Department said the Soviet message contained "mistakes and distortions of fact, especially in regard to the U.S. role in Viet-Nam."